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KANSAS NEWS.

Short Callings From all Parts of the State.

"Fago!" parties are popular in Paola. Lum Spratt was shot and killed in a row at Wallace.

The next battleship to be launched will be "The Kansas."

Cimarron girls do not go to school they eat onions.

Complaints of cattle losses from stalk field feeding are quite frequent.

There are sixty records of the late Senator Plumb in the annals of Kansas.

A boy of eighteen is furnishing spiritual comfort to the people of Emporia.

The State Deaf and Dumb school supports a base ball club, composed of pupils of the institution.

The Missouri Pacific has paid out \$37,000 in the vicinity of Westphalia this fall for fire losses.

Boxing gloves are in good repute at Alma just now. Their use has led to talk of an athletic club.

Northwest Kansas was visited by a fine rain recently. Crop reports from that section are excellent.

Leavenworth's rival electric light companies are at war with each other concerning a city franchise.

The Larned Optic states that "Larned young ladies do not chew gum but some of the girls do."

Mexico's Cinderella cooking club is noted for its pies rather than the size of the shoes its members wear.

Labor Commissioner W. C. Hall will begin next month compilation of statistics for use at the world's fair.

Judge Hackett of Fort Scott issued six marriage licenses and performed the ceremony in three cases last Wednesday.

Candidates for congressman at large are seriously disturbed in their campaign by the uncertainty attending the extra session.

Weather Prophet Foster of St. Joseph has missed his so often recently that he has become callous and predicts a very mild winter.

Secretary Rusk has convinced a great many Kansas farmers that there is \$1,000 profit in five acres of ground planted in chicory.

Kansas will furnish the ornamental stucco for the world's fair buildings. The works at Hope have a contract to furnish 10,000 tons.

The A. O. U. W. of Parsons is in a prosperous condition. It has already paid two death assessments this year out of the general fund.

The winter wheat outlook in Kansas at present is, on the average, better than in any other western state, still it is not up to the standard of last year.

The Topeka papers are the only Kansas papers that will publish a card of thanks for a bereaved family. After awhile the Topeka papers will quit it.

Colonel John Speer of Garden City, who is 75 years old, recalls the fact that Senator Plumb worked for him on the Lawrence Tribune when he first came to Kansas.

A colored man in Atchison put a notice in the paper that he would no longer support his wife, and thinking that that was all there was to a divorce, married again the next week.

An "Indian conference" was held in Lawrence on the 23d. Governor Charles Robinson delivered the opening address and was followed by Hon. T. J. Morgan, commissioner of Indian affairs.

It is reported that all the floors of the new court house at Marysville have collapsed. The loss will fall heavily upon the citizens of that city who donated the building to keep the county seat from being moved to Frankfort.

An Atchison firm offered a silk dress to the lady constructing the greatest number of words from the words "Donald Brothers." Mrs. M. E. Saunders, a widow lady living in that city, won the prize with 3,108 words. She was bound to have the last word if she died for it.

A Kansas politician who is on the inside of the machine in the state says there were three kinds of men in the last state senate: Those who never asked more than \$15 or \$20 for their "influence," those who stuck for as high as \$1,500 or \$2,000 and those who did not strike for anything.

President Robert Hopkins, announces that the coming convention of the Kansas state federation of labor at Hutchinson January 4th will be composed of artisans, mechanics, railroad men, miners and workmen engaged in other industrial pursuits. The policy of the federation and unions affiliated with it prohibits the introduction of either personal or partisan politics.

A large number of Kansas farmers have got entirely out of debt this fall.

C. Wood Davis once owned a coal mine in Crawford county and had to fight the "Frisco" road for decent freight rates. In the controversy he lost \$137,000 and finally had to sell out and quit. He now proposes to work his experience into a novel and thus get even with the men who were then the officials of the road. His principal enemy was Captain Rogers, the general manager of the road. Rogers will probably be in the story, but he will not know it. He is dead.

RESTING EASY.

NAVAL OFFICERS WAITING ON CHILL.

And if the Little Republic Wants a Brush She is Likely to be Accommodated—Nebraska's Gift to the Starving Russians.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The administration is now waiting for the Chilean president, Montt, to form his cabinet and to discuss with that cabinet the course which he shall pursue. Since the cabinet meeting yesterday it is believed that ultimatum, if such it can be called, which was to have been sent next week will be deferred for at least ten days in order to give the Chileans an opportunity to gather their scattered wits and to align from the high horse they have ridden ever since the Baltimore affair. In diplomatic circles today opinion is more freely expressed than ever that Chili will swallow her resentment and apologize as she ought to do, not because Chili is given to apologies, but because England and Germany have let it be distinctly understood through their ministers in Santiago that an apology must be forthcoming.

Artist Bernard Free.

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 31.—A decree of divorce was granted today by Judge E. G. Smith, of this judicial circuit to Louis Bernard of Mayence, Germany, the well-known landscape painter. Bernard claimed desertion as the ground for his separation. He was married in Germany in 1862 and in 1882 his wife left him and they have continued to live apart ever since. There are three daughters, all above 20 years of age, with the mother. Bernard has left the city, and will return at once to Germany.

To the Secretary of the Navy.

The project of sending to the suffering people of stricken Russia a generous donation of food supplies from the plenty that abounds in the United States is everywhere receiving favorable attention and the movement is beginning to crystallize into systematic relief measures, as is evinced by the following communications sent out on that subject yesterday:

STATE OF NEBRASKA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, LINCOLN, DEC. 29, 1891.—Hon. B. F. Tracy, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.—Dear Sir: I read your letter yesterday to Senator Washburn of Minnesota, tendering the use of the United States ship "Constellation" for the purpose of carrying provisions to Russia for the relief of her suffering people.

We are raising in this state an amount of food products, corn, corn meal and flour to the extent of about sixty carloads, as near as we can calculate. I write to inquire if it is the intention of the government to ship all supplies that are generously given to the people of Russia in naval vessels? If so, we in this state would prefer that what we contribute should be sent in such vessels.

I think it would be a very graceful act on the part of this government to deliver all free offerings to the destitute people there free of charge. It certainly would supplement what you so well said in your letter and show to the government and people of Russia that the United States is not unmindful of the friendship of that government, and people to us in our time of trouble during the late civil war and during other periods of our history.

I will be glad to hear from you on this subject at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, very truly yours,

JOHN M. THAYER.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, LINCOLN, DEC. 29, 1891.—Hon. W. R. Merriam, Governor of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.—My Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge your communication on the 28th inst, relating to shipments of corn food products to be forwarded from this state to the suffering people of Russia, and in reply have to say that I should accept your proposition to have the same shipped in the same vessel which takes your Minnesota flour to Russia but for the fact that I this morning received information from Washington which indicates that the government will send all supplies to be forwarded in vessels of the United States navy.

It would be a generous act for the United States government to send all the aid furnished by this country in United States vessels, and if such be the intention of the government I would prefer that your gifts be forwarded through that channel; but if the government should not furnish transportation I should be willing to adopt your suggestions and forward our contributions in the same vessel which takes the Minnesota flour. I am waiting for further information from Washington before I make a final decision and will communicate with you as soon as I receive the information which is expected.

I observe that your senator, Mr. Washburn, has applied to the secretary of the navy asking that national vessels forward the donations from this country, and that the secretary has assigned the United States ship Constellation for that purpose. If this plan is carried out, it will save the Russian government the expense of hiring a ship for the purpose indicated. It would be a very handsome thing for the United States government to cause the donations of the American people to be laid down in Russia without cost, and I should hope this plan will be adopted. I have the honor to be, with great respect, very truly yours,

JOHN M. THAYER.

Once Too Often.

KENTLAND, Ind., Dec. 31.—While playing in the Cunningham elevator this afternoon Matthew, son of Hotel-keeper John Huberts, in company with A. Hilman jumped into a bin containing 15,000 bushels of shelled corn, which was being transferred into another bin from a valve at the bottom. The boys were testing their ability to extricate themselves after being drawn down part way with the running corn, when young Huberts got in too deep, sank beneath the surface and was smothered to death.

New Home for the Times.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—One of the finest newspaper buildings in America, it was formally announced today, is to be erected as the home for the Chicago Times. The site is to be the ground at present and for many years back occupied by the paper, and famous in newspaper and war annals as the place where General Burnside attempted to suppress the Times when the fiery Wilbur F. Story was in editorial control. Ex-Mayor Carter B. Harrison, the present editor, speaking of the new building, said the structure would be twelve stories high and would be commensurate with the progress and development of the best newspaper in this country. The cost will approach \$1,000,000.

Resulted From Carelessness.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Dec. 30.—A collision occurred this morning between two freight trains on the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railroad, by which two men were instantly killed and a third fatally injured. The accident occurred between Champion and Humboldt. The Champion operator had instructions to hold the east-bound copper train, but neglected to put out a flag. The train rushed by and on a down grade, and at the curve nearly under the Chicago & North-western overhead crossing, met a west-bound train, neither engineer seeing the other train because of a thick snowstorm.

Lottery Tickets Seized.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—The government has made an important seizure of Louisiana and Mexican lottery tickets at Montreal for having been smuggled into Canada, such articles being dutiable. The man from whom they were seized is named L. E. May. He pleaded that he was simply a sub-agent for a Montreal tobaccoist, who was the general agent for the whole city. A long list of persons in Montreal, chiefly tobacco and cigar dealers, who acted as sub-agents, has been secured and interesting developments are expected.

Four Trainmen Killed.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Dec. 30.—By a mistake in train orders a disastrous collision occurred between two freight trains on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad, seven miles east of here early this morning, resulting in the death of four trainmen and the fatal wounding of two others. The dead are, Engineer Fushie, Fireman Barry, Fireman Price and Brakeman Gilmore. Brakeman Bell and Engineer Mannan will die. Eleven cars of cattle were wrecked. The wreck caught fire and the poor animals were slowly roasted to death.

Married in Fun.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—Judge Withrow gave his decision today in the divorce case of Sarah G. Darrow against Constantine C. Darrow, the young couple from New York who were married on a barge, and who now want to be separated. Judge Withrow rules that the marriage cannot be dissolved and that the parties must remain man and wife. Mrs. Darrow is a handsome young lady, 17 years old, and is the daughter of Judge Gaskell of Lockport, N. Y.

Blown Up by Dynamite.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 30.—The Clairfield hotel livery stable was blown up by dynamite early this morning. The debris took fire and spread to adjoining property, destroying five other buildings and consuming eight horses. The greatest excitement prevailed, as it was feared by the people that an organized effort to destroy the city was being made.

Bloody Deed of a Colored Man.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 30.—J. H. Miller, colored, went to the house at 210 Chestnut street this evening and calling out Addie Lewis, also colored, told her she must marry him or die. She refused and he shot her, then turned the weapon upon himself. The woman will likely recover, but the man's wounds are fatal.

Killed in a Snowslide.

LEADVILLE, Col., Dec. 30.—A snowslide occurred at Leadville, a mining camp ten miles from here last night. John A. Smus was instantly killed and a number of other men, whose names are not known, were severely injured. Several cabins were demolished.

Gladstone's Birthday.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Gladstone was eighty-two years old yesterday. He is at present at Biarritz, where he is seeking to recruit his strength in order to perform the parliamentary duties before him. He is accompanied by Mrs. Gladstone and John Morley.

Suffocated by Gas.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 30.—Word is received that Mr. and Mrs. John Brunelle, on Wild Rice, were found dead in bed this morning, having been asphyxiated by escaping gas from a stove. They leave nine young children, some of whom are also sick from the effects of the gas.

Subscribing Large Sums.

MADRAS, Dec. 30.—General Booth, the head of the Salvation army, who arrived here a few days ago from Australia, is holding very successful meetings in this city. Large sums of money have been subscribed for the cause represented by General Booth.

Reciprocity Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A reciprocity arrangement has been entered into between Secretary Blaine and the British minister to embrace the British West India colonies, Jamaica, Barbadoes, the Leeward and Windward Islands, except Grenada, Trinidad and British Guiana. The official report has been made in the matter and the correspondence will probably not be issued for ten days or two weeks, as it must await a notice to the effect that the legislation of the colonies rendered necessary has been enacted.

WARLIKE ACTIONS.

UNCLE SAM GETTING READY FOR SOMETHING.

There is No War in Sight, but Rumors are Thick and Washington Correspondents Can See no Other Way Out of the Chilean Difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—At the Washington navy yard today several hundred men were busily engaged at work upon the guns of the navy. The navy yard is the most complete gun plant on earth, not excepting that of the celebrated Krupp in Germany. There are all ready for service 178 guns, ranging in calibre from four to twelve inches. The twelve inch barker which was tested at Indian Head a short time ago is to be shipped to San Francisco today and there are a number of others of the same size which will be ready for proving within a week. An order was sent today to League Island navy yard at Philadelphia, for an immediate shipment to San Francisco of 42,000 pounds of prismatic powder and 11,000 six-inch shells.

Still warlike preparations are proceeding in all directions and orders have been sent to the Hotchkiss Gun company for a supply of Howell torpedoes. Powder mills have been communicated with for information concerning their ability to turn out large quantities of powder for the navy on short order. The naval armory here is running twelve hours a day instead of eight. The San Francisco did not stop at Monterey for gun practice as it was reported on Saturday she would do. The Boston, which would be in bad shape if allowed to remain in the harbor at Valparaiso alone, is steaming north but her mails have been sent to Panama and not San Francisco. These are war preparations and yet the navy denies that any extraordinary efforts are being made to put the navy on a war footing.

Proves to Be a Murderer.

BRAYTON, Neb., Dec. 29.—Robert Kuntz, a farmer living three miles north of here, died this morning from wounds received Christmas night at the hands of Joe and Nick Dnuth. These men had had trouble this fall over their grain crop. Christmas night they called at Kuntz's house and demanded some beer and upon being refused began pounding him with brass knuckles. Kuntz fought desperately and the two assailants then began shooting at him. Two bullets and two loads of shot were fired into Kuntz's body. The wounded man finally secured the gun and then fled barefooted to a neighboring farm. When he arrived there his hands and feet were frozen. After lingering in great agony until this morning he died. The murderers are under arrest and were taken to Greely Center for safety, as threats of lynching have been freely made.

GREELY CENTRE, Neb., Dec. 29.—Word was received here tonight that Joe and Nick Dnuth, who murdered Robert Kuntz near Spaulding and were being brought to this place by the sheriff, were lynched by a masked mob about eighteen miles north of here. The sheriff and his deputies were overpowered, the report says, and the men hanged to a tree. The sheriff should have arrived this evening, and as nothing has been heard from him, it is thought the story is correct.

Great Indian Council.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—During the first week of June next an extraordinary gathering of Indians will take place at Cambois, in British Columbia. There will be present about 7,000 Christian Indians from various parts of British Columbia, and probably a number of pagan Indians. Rev. Father Lacombe has organized the unique gathering and during the week the "Passion Play" will be presented by the Christian Indians. This performance is not, of course, the prime reason for the gathering. There is understood to be a desire to meet one another, compare notes and consider educational matters and progress in the arts of civilization.

Samuel Reed Dead.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 29.—Intelligence from Pasadena, Cal., today announces the death of Samuel B. Reed, civil engineer of this city. Mr. Reed was a railroad man of national fame. He built the first railroad connecting Chicago and the east. He also built the Rock Island railroad and the first bridge across the Mississippi at Davenport and the Washington branch of the Burlington and Missouri, the first road to reach the Missouri river. This gave him such a celebrity among railroad men that he was made superintendent of construction of the Union Pacific, which road he built through, making the fastest time in railroad construction ever recorded. Mr. Reed was 73 years old. His body will be brought to this city for burial.

The Italian Affair.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—None of the officers of the department of state have any knowledge of any agreement made by this government with that of Italy to pay indemnity on account of the New Orleans affair, as reported by an English correspondent at Rome.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The countess of Clancarty, formerly known as Belle Bilton, the concert hall singer, has become the mother of twin boys. These births amply provide for direct succession to the earldom of Clancarty and several other titles which belong to holder of that earldom. The friends of the countess are more than delighted for it is believed the event will lead to a complete reunion of the family, the relations of which were badly strained by the marriage of the present earl, who was then Viscount Dunlo, to the singer.

Lunatic Asylum Fire.

PONTIAC, Mich., Dec. 28.—Fire was discovered in the north wing of the Eastern Michigan insane asylum at 11 o'clock this morning. The flames spread with fearful rapidity, and with the limited facilities at hand the firemen were powerless. Fifteen minutes after the first alarm was sounded the occupants of the wing, 500 women, were turned loose. Screaming frantically with terror, the maniacs surged through the corridors, where the air was already filled with smoke. The flames were visible through it all, and the sight filled the demented creatures with terror. Superintendent Burr and his assistants on the medical staff gave directions for the removal of the inmates and by their excellent and valiant labors all, it is believed, were rescued alive. The opposite wing, where 700 crazy men were confined, was saved. It is difficult to obtain accurate figures on the loss. One of the board of trustees of the asylum estimates it at not less than \$500,000. The patients must, for several days at least, suffer great hardship. The kitchen is among the destroyed buildings, and some time must elapse before the culinary department can be re-established and the lunatics properly fed.

Scenes of Destruction.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 28.—To-day the full extent of the destruction by yesterday's fire is made apparent. The principal retail business houses of Chattanooga are in ruins. A terrible picture of devastation is seen. The fire district covers an area of 2,500 square feet. In all nineteen store rooms, with the several stores above them were destroyed with their contents. The total loss will reach \$650,000, with \$500,000 insurance. A large force has already commenced the work of recovering the safes from the ruins.

Mrs. Hurst and Miss Johnston, who jumped from the third story windows, are doing well. Both have broken bones and other injuries.

It is reported that two young women lost their lives. A Miss Stevens, employed on the third floor of the Love-man block, is reported missing. The fire originated in a boiler room. Twenty women were taken out of the building by the means of ladders. Miss Johnston, in jumping from the third story, caught onto a ladder which extended to the second floor, the ladder broke and she was thrown through a large plate glass. Mrs. Hurst fell into a network of wires and was thrown to the stone pavement.

President Diaz Alarmed.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 28.—There is a rapid shifting of Mexican troops taking place on account of the serious proportions that the revolutionary movement, under the leadership of Catarina Garza, has assumed during the past few days. That President Diaz views the situation with great alarm there is no longer any doubt. It is a noticeable fact that Garza is becoming more popular among the masses of people in the northern states of Mexico every day, and there are no less than 10,000 poor destitute people in the drought-stricken states of Durango, Coahuila, Neuvaon and Sonora ready to come under his protection the moment the proper time arrives. There will be great discontent among all the people in the northern part of the republic on account of the failure of the crops and the action of the government in not coming to their relief while they were suffering for lack of food.

Killed in the Rush.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A theater at Wingate Head, county Durham, last night was the scene of a frightful panic in which, according to the reports received here, at least ten persons, including nine children were killed outright, and many were injured. The sight of a slight blaze caused by a man in the audience dropping a lighted match on the sawdust covering the floor, caused some one to start the cry of fire, and a terrible panic at once ensued. There was immediately a wild rush for the doors which, owing to the savage crush and struggle, quickly became so blocked that only a few succeeded in at once getting out. When the panic had subsided so that an examination of the premises could be made the bodies of nine children, whose lives had been literally crushed out, were found lying on the staircase or near a door leading to it.

Sister of Mme. Nilsson in Want.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 28.—In his Christmas rounds among the poor, Agent Frelson of the associated charities found a sister of Christine Nilsson the Swedish singer, in straitened circumstances. She is the wife of Nils P. Hvale, a Swedish teacher, who lives in the rear of No. 611 Eleventh street. Mrs. Hvale is an elder sister of Christine Nilsson, and both she and her husband are people of education, but he has not been able to secure constant employment, and the family, which is a large one, has been reduced to actual want. Not long ago Christine Nilsson came to Milwaukee to sing at one of the Thomas concerts, and she visited her sister at that time but out of pride the extent of the family's poverty was concealed from her, and she remained in ignorance of their real condition.

No Religion but the Czar's.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—A communication from Warsaw says an official order was issued closing the Catholic churches at Vlodislav and Buzki and that other towns will receive the same order soon. This action is taken in obedience to orders from the czar, who is determined to stamp out all creeds not in accord with the orthodox church. A decree was issued some time ago that no repairs be allowed on Catholic churches, and that such churches be closed if found in a dangerous condition.

TRADE REVIEW.

MERCHANTS ENGAGED IN TAKING STOCK.

The Volume of Business is Larger than Last Year—London's Dense Fog—A Death Dealing Collision in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Trade this season is unusually light, merchants being engaged in taking stock, but at many points it is reported larger than last year. Reports from other cities show less complaint as to collections and a large trade in progress. Boston reports quiet wholesale trade in dry goods, but retailers are doing a big business, and shoe manufacturers still have orders to keep them busy. Leather is steady and hides are quiet. Iron manufacturers talk more encouragingly and the money markets are firmer.

At Philadelphia the jewelry trade is unusually active; the grocery trade light, but equal to last year's; trade in coffee and sugar fairly active, and in chemicals quiet and steady, while tobacco, liquors and wool are quiet. At Pittsburgh trade is unusually good in all lines with iron and manufacturers more hopeful, and the glass trade fairly good. At Cleveland the wholesale trade is good, though the shoe trade is dull. General trade is good at Cincinnati and prospects very fair, cigarmakers exceeding last year's work. At Chicago sales and collections of merchandise exceed last year's in spite of soft country roads, and the holiday trade has been phenomenal; receipts of wheat, corn and rye are double last year's; dressed beef three times last year's; increase in flour is a third, in cured meats a quarter and oats, barley and cattle large, notwithstanding the complaints of a car famine throughout the west; money is easy and the demand good. At Omaha trade is good, but money is close.

A Knife Won't Cut It.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—London is in mourning at the most joyous season of the year. Since Monday we have been enveloped in a fog that for duration has eclipsed all predecessors, and in every other respect has held its own. It cannot be imagined. To appreciate it one must see it. Rooms with an eastern aspect are as dark at noon as at midnight. On low ground, such as the embankment and the parks for instance, it is impenetrable. On the strand, which is a narrow thoroughfare, and on which every known means of securing artificial light has been adopted, it is still impossible to see ten yards in any direction. The streets look like cemeteries. Every moving thing has a ghostly look. Collisions between vehicles are so numerous that it is difficult to induce anyone to enter a cab. Accidents to life and limb are of hourly occurrence. Seven people walked off the Millwall docks and were drowned yesterday. The mortality from fog among those suffering from lung diseases is alarmingly great.

A Fatal Collision.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A shocking collision occurred Thursday night on the New York Central between the St. Louis express and the Niagara Falls special trains. Eleven persons were killed and a number injured. The terrible accident was due to the carelessness of Brakeman Albert E. Herlick, of the Buffalo express, which was lying still below Hastings. Herlick fled and has not yet been found. He left his uniform in the train and put on citizen's clothes. The locomotive of the St. Louis train crashed into the rear coach of the Niagara express, and several cars, mostly sleepers, were badly wrecked. To add to the horror of the wreck the boiler of the locomotive of the St. Louis express exploded and the escaping steam did deadly work among the unfortunate who were in the wrecked cars.

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 26.—All that was mortal of the late Preston B. Plumb was placed beneath the soil of Kansas Thursday. The city was in mourning. Flags on public buildings were displayed at half-mast, business houses were draped in black, and on nearly every private residence were displayed emblems of mourning.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 26.—The striking coal miners of Indiana have suffered a defeat. The struggle for increased wages inaugurated nearly two months ago has failed, and the men will return to work immediately at the old wages. This course was decided upon by a delegate convention held in this city today.

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., Dec. 26.—Edward Davis, who for years has been applying for a pension for service rendered in the Mexican war, received information today that he would get his money. Overcome by the good news he fell dead.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—The startling report reached here last night from Fort McIntosh that Captain Francis Hardie, of the Third cavalry and his detachment of fifty men had met an armed force of Garza's followers near Carrizo, Tex., yesterday, and in an engagement that ensued fourteen United States soldiers were killed. Up to a late hour tonight the report had received no official confirmation.

Nebraska City's Fire.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 26.—About 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon this city was thrown into a fever of excitement by the burning of the Nebraska distillery. The fire, when discovered, had already gained considerable headway, having originated in the large malt room and spread rapidly to the other parts of the building. Considerable delay was experienced in getting the hydrants to work. The loss is estimated at \$50,000; fully covered by insurance. The distillery will be rebuilt at once. The fire originated from spontaneous combustion.